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Redford, Robert

One of Hollywood's most popular leading men, Charles Robert Redford, Jr., b. Santa Monica, Calif., Aug. 18, 1937, had his first success on Broadway in Neil Simon's Barefoot in the Park (1963; film, 1967).

Redford's reputation soared with such movies as Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1969) and The Sting (1973), in which he portrayed roguish but lovable crooks. His other notable films include Jeremiah Johnson (1972), The Candidate (1972), The Way We Were (1973), The Great Gatsby (1974), All the President's Men (1976), The Electric Horseman (1979), The Natural (1984), Out of Africa (1985), and Havana (1990). Redford won an Oscar as best director for Ordinary People (1980) and later directed The Milagro Beanfield War (1988). He has been active in environmentalist causes and with the Sundance Institute, a resource center for independent filmmakers and other artists.

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Robert Redford (1937-), an American screen actor, has been equally successful in romantic drama and in light comedy. He won an Academy Award for his performance in Ordinary People (1980). Redford is active in the ecology movement and is concerned about the preservation of the American West. His book, The Outlaw Trail (1978) tells of an old escape route that ran from Canada to Mexico. (The Bettmann Archive)

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